IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| In re | Application of: |) |
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| Alessandro Aiello | |) Group Art Unit: 2113 |
| Application No.: 10/574,984 | |) Examiner: Bonzo, Bryce |
| Filed: | April 7, 2006 |)) |
| For: | METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR FAULT PROTECTION IN COMMUNICATION NETWORKS, RELATED NETWORK AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT | Confirmation No.: 7149))))) |

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Applicant submits this Reply in response to the non-final Office Action mailed March 12, 2008, the period for response extended through July 14, 2008 (July 12 being a Saturday), by the concurrent filing of a petition for a one-month extension of time and payment of the associated fee. Applicant respectfully traverses all pending objections and rejections and request reconsideration of the application, as presently amended.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper. **Remarks** follow the amendment sections of this paper.